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SUBJ: ECOWAS SUMMIT CONFERENCE

1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH A.S.C. JOHNSON, DEPUTY GOVERNOR, BANK OF SIERRA LEONE, JOHNSON TOLD EMBOFF THAT ECOWAS HEADS OF STATE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN LAGOS DURING FIRST OR SECOND WEEK OF MARCH AT ATTEMPT RESOLVE DISPUTE BETWEEN SECRETARIAT AND FUND. ACCORDING JOHNSON THERE IS A FUNDAMENTAL CONFLICT BETWEEN ECOWAS TREATY'S DEFINITION OF FUND AND PROTOCOL THAT ESTABLISHED FUND. FORMER MAKES FUND AN ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUNCT OF SECRETARIAT, WHILE LATTER GIVES FUND AUTONOMY AND A SEPARATE GOVERNING COUNCIL. THIS CONFLICT, CONFIDENTIAL

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JOHNSON NOTED, IS EXACERBATED BY PERSONALITY DISPUTE BETWEEN SECRETARIAT HEAD QUATTARA AND FUND MANAGING DIRECTOR HORTON.

2. JOHNSON ALSO SAID HE HAD BEEN CHOSEN TO HEAD A RECENT AUDIT OF THE FUND'S ACTIVITY AS A CONSEQUENCE OF CHARGES OF FISCAL IRREGULARITY MADE AGAINST HORTON. JOHNSON COMMENTED THAT WHILE THE AUDIT WAS NOT IN DEPTH, HIS TEAM'S REVIEW OF

THE FUND'S BOOKS SATISFIED THEM THAT NEITHER HORTON NOR THE FUND WAS GUILTY OF FISCAL IMPROPRIETY. THE FUND HAD BEEN MISMANAGED, HOWEVER; A CONDITION JOHNSON ASCRIBED TO STARTING UP PAINS. JOHNSON SAID THE SIERRA LEONE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT, SOLOMAN PRATT, WAS PREPARING THE REPORT OF THE AUDIT AND THE EXACT DATE OF THE ECOWAS SUMMIT CONFERENCE WOULD BE DETERMINED WHEN THIS REPORT WAS COMPLETED.
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